

PTO General Meeting Minutes September 8, 2014

Attendees:

see attached sheet

Welcome from Fran

Principal Report- Ms. Roe

Project Based Learning (PBL) is basing most of the kids learning around type of project, looking to have 3 projects in year, had previously been 2. Projects the kids have done were the 3rd and 4th graders had to design blueprints from scratch, interview architects, builders, and real estate agent to discuss what it would go for in meadows. Helps kids make a better connection in how they learn and apply the knowledge. Sustainable learning. Buck institute is who the staff went through for training and looking to do some more professional development next year.

Strategic plan- unified improvement plan for the district, you can see it online. Forward thinking plan, district trying to provide world class education. Priorities Safety (physical and emotional, internet), choice (magnet, charter school, what can we offer), world class education (what do they need in 21st century, resilience, civic responsibly, creativity), system performance (how do we asses critical thinking)

currently have 55 students above our projections which comes to \$209,000 in more money. We cannot add classes, no more space, but largest class is only 28. No classes above 30. New charter school opening next year need to have some money in reserve for possible loss of students then.

Looking into innovative classrooms (great info on Pinterest), discussing with teachers the possibility of purchasing furniture to make classes more innovative (ex. Standing workstations, exercise balls instead of chairs etc. similar to Googles office space for more innovative thinking) and how we can incorporate it into the classroom.

Hired 2 new EAs: KaLee Duggan and Kellie Lara

SAC committee still looking for a community member not related to child in school, meets 4 times a year on a Tuesday.

Great job PTO on Grandparents day, and parade, great time.

Any questions that you would like answered in principal's report please let Ms. Roe know and she can address

Intro to new Secretary

Motion to approve August 11, 2014 minutes

- 1st Ann Heft
- 2nd Erica Milligan
- All in favor -yes

Treasurer report Lisa Beerbower

Balance as of July (last statement received from district) \$25,000.98

New Business

Thank you to all who helped with the parade float. It looked great

Looking into getting our own mascot costume.

Steve built the benches and loaned his trailer for the float. Will brainstorm how to use the benches in the school

throughout the year.

Had a great Grandparents day, everything went smoothly. Got few ideas for next year, online rsvp of 150 but had 300 show up. RSVP was new just need to get the info out. Karen Whitman did great job planning.

Teacher grants will be collected between now and October, board will go thru them and will present them during the November PTO meeting, no Oct meeting due to fall break

Website - if you would like to volunteer check out the sign up genius on the PTO website, there is a listing of all committees that can be joined

We will unveil a contest soon to promote our website with an online scavenger hunt. If you find the item on the website you will click on it, and enter your info on form for a raffle of a \$25 target gift card.

New business

Directory - looking into online or print, is there a preference? We looked into app but it was going to be \$3,000 to get set up and we would need to pay for each update during year. Looking into printing them can be as much as 6 per book or less. Looking into printing options. Don't want them online because of security reasons. Not sure when they might be done. Possible classroom directory and have teachers distribute. Or grade level rosters. Possible PDF of grade directory and email to parents.

-Fall festival – have had two meetings so far, always feel free to show up at planning meetings to see what will be done. Bison buddies will be doing food, Boy Scouts will have the chili cook off, student council doing caramel apples. Going to get help from groups in building who benefit from money raised during the festival. Looking for ATV or riding lawn mower to pull a hay ride. Glory Hotko says she has one that can be used. Need 2 more ideas for games, have the bison head game, decorate pumpkins, blind feel, need 3 more station ideas email Fran with any game ideas

Currently have face painting. Police cars, and fire trucks, looking for some home based companies to set up booths contact Fran by email.

Family night

Movie will be the night of Thursday **Sept 25**, no school following day for professional development. Kids have voted during class, votes still need to be tallied, movies voted on were Mr. Peabody, Muppets, and Rio 2. Will be able to preorder pizza or can buy by the slice at event. Looking to have book fair open that night also.

Free money

Jennifer Barttelson chair of Box Top committee put together contest thru **Oct. 2** by classroom, will win pizza party and Ms. Roe will be invited to come. All box tops, labels for education, or coke rewards will count toward contest. You can submit coke rewards online and refer them to the school. Can have a personal account and get what you want and then donate remaining points to school. Or can just submit your lids, labels, and box tops and committee gets it put together, easy way to get free money for our school. Also register your target red card, 1% comes to school, can also do Red Robin, King Soopers contact Heather per email and she can get card for \$5. All this is listed on PTO website if you would like more info. Thanks Ann and Alicia for new containers in classrooms for the collection.

Committee Chair Info

-just kicked off Secret messenger- there will be a new link on website **tomorrow**, sign up online for teacher and promote some random acts of kindness, info was in email blast today. **Thursday** folder also had info. Previously had folders, but a bit crazy to actually put it together and pass on to next person, all of it is online please log what you give so they don't get too many repeats. Also please sign up for staff members also, you can adopt the office staff, music, art, not just individual class teachers. First session starts **sept 15th**.

-Need committee chair for spring event. any ideas?

-power of 3 working on communication for **Thursday** folders,

-book fair- Andrea is planning and going well, going to set up teacher wish lists also, book fair will be running from **Sept 25-Oct 1st**, first day will be long with movie night. Looking for more volunteers, sign up genius will go out to room parents. Theme is Sir Read a lots castle. Decorating for theme. If reach goal of \$13k Ms Berry and Mr Provo have agreed to do something fun for the kids, still not sure what.

Need volunteers out front to dress up for theme.

First time in a while PTO is handling book fair. PTO stepping up again to help Ms Kranse, book fair money goes directly into library for its needs. Thx Andrea for stepping up and planning. Go to PTO website for more info and volunteer opportunities

-Need chairs for watch dogs and spring event

ABC fundraiser kicked off today, packets went home with students today, this is the big fundraiser for the year, funds teacher grants, PBL development and staff development. Family can purchase online and ship out of state. Last year made over \$20k, this money is bulk of PTO budget.

Don't forget Freddy's fundraiser **Wednesday** night have dinner out and 15% of profits will go back to our school.

Meeting adjourned 7:25

Attendees

Lisa Riepe

Angel Stuart

Gretchen Ptacek

Glory Hotko

Ann Heft

Alecia Glorioso

Stacy Miller

Lisa Beerbower

Karin Kuritz

Erika Milligan

Melissa Adams

Melissa Guebara

Andrea Brooks